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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON U.S. AID

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES JAN 16, FOREIGN MINISTER MOLAPO CALLED MY ATTENTION TO THE BLACK CAUCUS STATEMENT TO THE SECRETARY ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH AFRICA. MOLAPO NOTED THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN THE STATEMENT ABOUT U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA. MOLAPO SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO ADDRESS HIMSELF TO THE OVERALL LEVEL OF U.S. AID TO AFRICA, BUT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO WAS "MINIMAL".

2. I REVIEWED ANNUAL AID LEVELS AND ONGOING PROJECTS. I TOLD MOLAPO THAT THE STATE OF U.S.-LESOTHO RELATIONS WERE GOOD AND THAT WASHINGTON WAS ALWAYS PREPARED TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO SOUND PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF OUR STRONG DEMARCHES INDICATING THAT LESOTHO'S VOTING RECORD WOULD BE A FACTOR IN BILATERAL RELATIONS, GOL NOW EXPECTS US TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. URGE DEPARTMENT TO ACT PROMPTLY ON RECOMMENDATIONS REFTEL SINCE GOL AWARE PRESS REPORTS THAT WE REWARDING THOSE

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